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1. UNDER THE HEADLINE "AMERICANS LOOK AT THE U.S.-SOVIET ARMS RACE" THE APRIL 21 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIES TEN SHORT EXCERPTS FROM SUCH JOURNALS AS THE NEW YORK TIMES, NATO REVIEW, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AND NEW REPUBLIC, ALL EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A GROWING IMBALANCE IN MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN FAVOR OF THE SOVIETS. FOUR EXCERPTS QUOTE PARTING REMARKS MADE BY FORMER DIA DIRECTOR GEN. KEEGAN AS TO THE DANGER POSED BY THE SOVIET BUILDUP AND TWO CITE CIA ESTIMATES MADE PUBLIC LAST YEAR.

2. IN A SHORT INTRODUCTORY NOTE THE PD EDITOR COMMENTS THAT BEFORE THE 1960'S SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH WAS
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NO CHALLENGE TO THE US, ESPECIALLY IN THE NUCLEAR DOMAIN. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, HOWEVER, UNDER THE COVER OF "DETENTE" AND "DISARMAMENT" THE SOVIETS HAVE ACTUALLY PASSED THE AMERICANS IN THE ARMS RACE, ACCORDING TO THE PD EDITOR.

3. AN ADJOINING COLUMN (BY NCNA REPORTERS)

OFFERS COMPLEMENTARY COMMENT ON THE MBFR TALKS.
AFTER CITING A GROWING SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT
MILITARY THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE, THE EDITORIAL
CONCLUDES THAT THE RECORD OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS
DEMONSTRATES THAT THE USSR HAS USED THE COVER OF
THE MBFR AND OTHER DISARMAMENT TALKS TO EXPAND ITS
CAPABILITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO THE DETRIMENT OF
THE WEST.

4. COMMENT: THE EXTENSIVE USE OF DIRECT QUOTES
FROM US SOURCES IN THE REFERENCE NEWS STYLE FOLLOWS
ON LAST MONTH'S QUOTES FROM THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE (REFTEL).
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